

CLAIMS

1. A vehicle management system comprising:

a first and second gate provided at an entrance and
5 exit of a toll road;

a third and fourth gate provided at an entrance and
exit of a rest stop, including a service area and parking
area;

a communication terminal apparatus installed in a
10 vehicle;

a detection apparatuses that are installed at the
first through fourth gates, and, by performing radio
communication with the vehicle that passes through the
gates, detect the vehicle and times of passage through
15 the gates; and

a central control apparatus that calculates a toll
according to a time during which the toll road is used
excluding time spent at the rest stop, and a distance
over which the toll road is used, based on the times of
20 passage through the gates detected by the detection
apparatuses.

2. The vehicle management system according to claim
1, wherein the central control apparatus calculates an
25 average traveling speed of the vehicle from the time during
which the toll road is used excluding the time spent at
the rest stop and the distance over which the toll road

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is used, and notifies the police if a calculated average speed exceeds a predetermined speed.

3. The vehicle management system according to claim
5 1, wherein the central control apparatus detects a vehicle whose continuous traveling time is greater than or equal to a predetermined time, and sends a rest advisory to a detected vehicle urging a driver to take a rest.

10 4. The vehicle management system according to claim 1, wherein the central control apparatus determines whether or not a vehicle has been parked continuously at the rest stop for a predetermined time or longer, and
15 notifies the police if the vehicle has been parked for the predetermined time or longer.